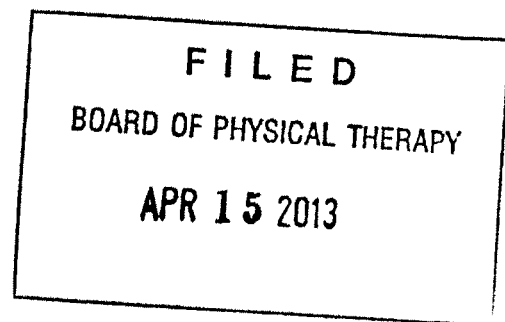


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

JOSE MERCADO, JR.

FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE
PHYSICAL THERAPY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon the application for a license to practice physical therapy of Jose Mercado, Jr. (hereinafter "Applicant"), who, having been charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2 c (1), Sexual Assault with Force, in Washington Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, has agreed to certain conditions being placed upon his practice of physical therapy pending the disposition of that charge and until further order of the Board.

It Now Appearing that the parties wish to settle this matter in the interim without recourse to formal proceedings; that Respondent seeks leave to practice physical therapy in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Order; that Respondent hereby waives any right to a further hearing on this application, until such time as the criminal charges against him are resolved; that the Board finds the within Order adequately protective, in the interim, of the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 15th day of April, 2013

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent shall be, and hereby is granted a license to practice physical therapy in the State of New Jersey with the condition that:

a) Respondent shall not treat any female patient, except in the immediate presence of an adult chaperone pending the final disposition of the criminal charges against him, and until further order of the Board.

2. Nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

3. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing physical therapy practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

4. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

By: Karen Wilk, P.T., D.P.T. 40QAD0560100
Karen Wilk, P.T., D.P.T.
Board President

I have read and understand the
within Consent Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to the
Board to enter this Order

Jose Mercado, Jr.
Jose Mercado, Jr.